What is claimed:

- A method for establishing a healthy bacterial flora in females throughout life, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one *Lactobacillus iners* and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said bacterial flora is gastrointestinal or urogenital flora.
- 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is Y16329.
- 4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising a second probiotic organism.
- 5. The method of Claim 4, wherein said second probiotic organism is a Lactobacillus selected from the group consisting of L. rhamnosus, L. acidophilus, L. fermentum, L. casei, L reuteri, L. crispatus, L. plantarum, L. paracasei, L. jensenii, L. gasseri, L. cellobiosis, L. brevis, L. delbrueckii, L. helveticus, L. salivarius, L. collinoides, L. buchneri, L. rogosae, or L. bifidum.
- 6. The method of Claim 4, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Bifidobacterium* selected from the group consisting of *B. bifidum*, *B. breve*, *B. adolescentis*, or *B. longum*.
- 7. The method of Claim 4, wherein a prebiotic is administered in conjunction with the probiotic organism.
- 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is administered orally or vaginally.
- A method for maintaining a healthy urogenital flora in females prior to, during and after pregnancy, comprising orally administering at least one *Lactobacillus iners* and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 10. The method of Claim 9 further comprising a second probiotic organism.
- 11. The method of Claim 10, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Lactobacillus* selected from the group consisting of *L*.

- rhamnosus, L. acidophilus, L. fermentum, L. casei, L reuteri, L. crispatus, L. plantarum, L. paracasei, L. jensenii, L. gasseri, L. cellobiosis, L. brevis, L. delbrueckii, L. helveticus, L. salivarius, L. collinoides, L. buchneri, L. rogosae, or L. bifidum.
- 12. The method of Claim 9, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Bifidobacterium* selected from the group consisting of *B. bifidum*, *B. breve*, *B. adolescentis*, or *B. longum*.
- 13. A method for restoring healthy urogenital flora in females in need thereof comprising administering at least one *Lactobacillus iners* isolated from said female and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 14. A method for reducing the risk of bacterial vaginosis and bacterial vaginosis pathogens, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one *Lactobacillus iners* and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a *Lactobacillus iners* and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 16. The method of Claim 15 further comprising a prebiotic.
- 17. The method of any of Claims 7 or 16, wherein said prebiotic is insulin.
- 18. The method of any of Claims 7 or 16, wherein said prebiotic is fructo-oligosaccharides or milk.
- 19. A method for treatment of an infection in a subject in need by administering a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition of Claim 15 or 16.